December 19, 1972

Dear Mr. Vorhies,

I have a nice collection of Indiana, however, I do not sell numismatic items.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

DECEMBER 11,1972
201 HUME MANSUR BLDG.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

DEAR MR. NEWMAN,

I AM A COLLECTOR OF OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY, PROOFS, SHEETS, AND SCRIPT FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA.

AT THE PRESENT TIME DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE, AND IF SO IS IT FOR SALE?

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND SASE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

SINCERELY,

Jack Vorhies

J.M. VORHIES

SPMC NO 3314

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 30, 1976

Mr. J. M. Vorhies
130 E. Epler Avenue
Indianapolis, Ind. 46227

Dear Mr. Vorhies:

The five Indiana items you requested for photography are enclosed. I have retained xerox copies. Please return the items when they have served your purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

Commission Scrip
FIFTY CENTS
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This Scrip will be redeemed at
CAMPBELL & HARTER'S
DRY GOOD'S STORE.
as explained on the back
PATENT APPLIED FOR BY TIFFANY BROS BUFFALO, NY

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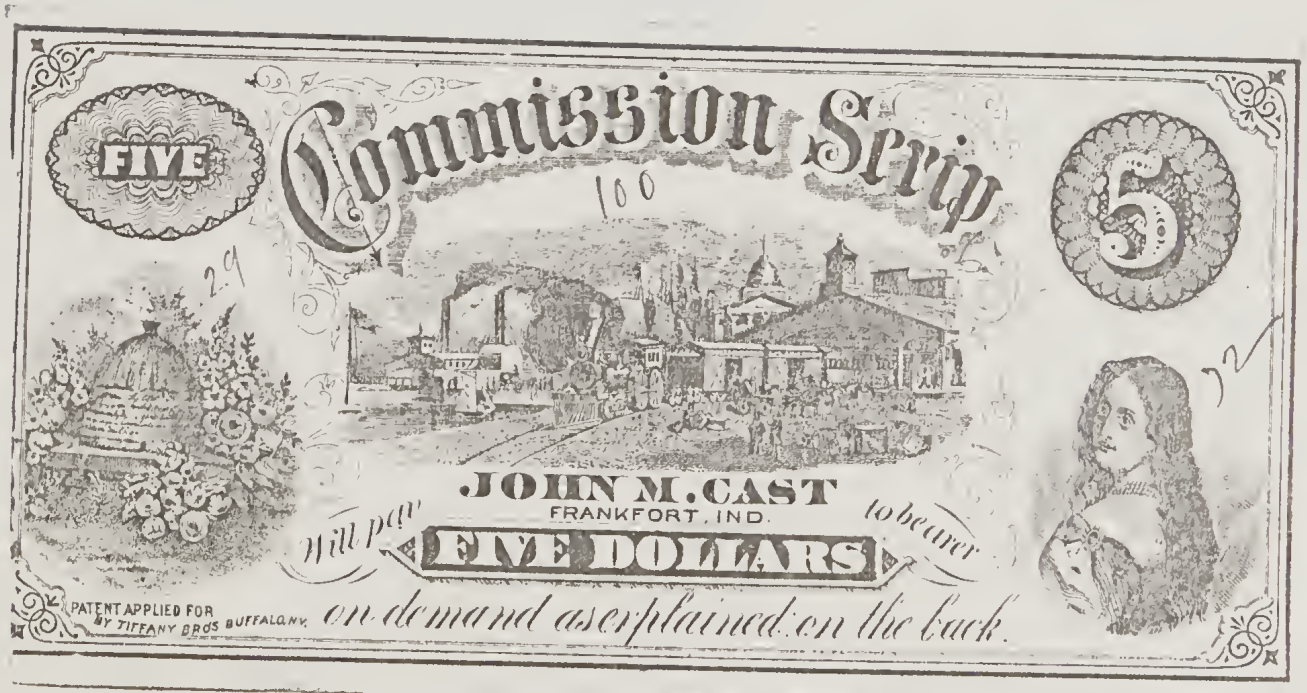
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CAMPBELL & HARTER.

Dealers in DRY GOODS.

No. 1 PHŒNIX BLOCK, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

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C. C. WOLF;

Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Musical Merchandise, Silver and Plated Ware,

ROCHESTER, IND.

THIS BILL is worth *Five Dollars*, and one will be received [illegible] in part payment for any cash bill of goods, at regular prices (Nails and Horse Shoes excepted); amounting to ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, or over. Four Dollars will be allowed for this Scrip on an Eighty Dollar purchase, Three Dollars on Sixty, Two Dollars on Forty, One Dollar on Twenty, Fifty Cents on Ten, and Twenty-five Cents on Five Dollars, or over. Remember, this is five per cent off. I offer this special inducement for parties to call and examine my stock (which is the largest in Clinton County) before purchasing elsewhere, and satisfy themselves that I can sell them *more goods* for less money than can be found elsewhere in this part of the State. *Good goods, low prices* and fair dealing is my motto.

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All kinds of jobbing in TIN, COPPER, ZINC and SHEET IRON promptly attended to.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46227
130 E. EPLER AVE.
JANUARY 23, 1976

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

DEAR MR. NEWMAN,

I AM VERY SORRY YOU WERE CONTACTED SO LATE. I THOUGHT YOU HAD BEEN CONTACTED LONG AGO. IN ANY EVENT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE AND TELL YOU THAT I AM PERSONALLY GRATEFULL YOU HAVE THESE TWO SPECIMENS AND ARE MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

THE COMMISSION SCRIP, WHICH WE ARE INCLUDING, WILL ALSO BE WANTED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, EXCEPT FOR THE JOHN DAVIS SPECIMEN AS WE ALREADY HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THIS ONE.

BEST REGARDS,

Jack Vorhies
J.M. VORHIES

JMV/AF

Davis
Cast
Wiel
Campbell + Hessler

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 21, 1976

Mr. J. M. Vorhies
130 E. Epler Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Dear Mr. Vorhies:

I am sorry you waited so late to write me because I was on vacation until now. I looked over my Indiana material and found a B. F. Jones and Company which you wanted, and a John Smith which you wanted.

I also have Commission scrip of John Davis, Druggist, Marion, Indiana, Campbell & Harter Dry Goods; John M. Cast of Frankfort, Indiana, and C. C. Wolf, Jeweler of Rochester, Indiana. I did not know if you are listing this kind of material. I will be glad to send you the above mentioned notes for photography if you are going to use them. In the meantime, I am enclosing photocopies of the first two mentioned notes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

B
No.
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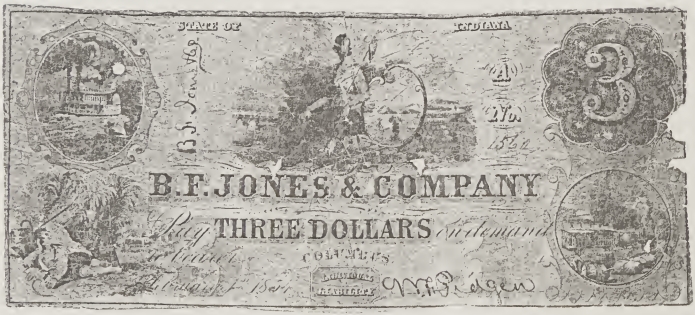
On demand, for value received, I promise to pay to
Franklin B. Parling or bearer,
FIFTY CENTS,
at my store, in MILAN, INDIANA, in current money.
Milan, July 8 1850.


STATE OF
INDIANA
B.F. Jones & Co.
4
No.
1562
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B.F. JONES & COMPANY
Pay THREE DOLLARS on demand
to bearer
COLUMBUS
Milan, Jan 1851
W.H. Pidgen

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46227
130 E. EPLER AVE.
JANUARY 6, 1976

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE.
ST. LOUIS. MO 63105

DEAR MR. NEWMAN,

A FEW YEARS AGO YOU INFORMED ME THAT YOU HAD A NICE COLLECTION OF INDIANA OBSOLETE NOTES. I AM WRITING THIS LETTER WITH THE POSSIBILITY IN MIND THAT YOU MIGHT BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN THE FINAL PREPARATION OF S P M C BOOK ON INDIANA OBSOLETE NOTES WHICH I AM A COAUTHOR, ALONG WITH WENDELL WOLKA AND DON SCHRAMM. THE MANUSCRIPT IS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED AND THE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN PRINTED. A FINAL EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SEE IF WE MIGHT PROCURE ANY ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR BANKING ENTITIES WHICH WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A LIST OF NEEDED NOTES.

IN THE EVENT YOU MIGHT HAVE IN YOUR ARCHIVES A FEW, OR EVEN ONE OF THOSE LISTED WE WOULD APPRECIATE, IN THE FOLLOWING DESCENDING ORDER OF IMPORTANCE A CHANCE OF ACTION ON YOUR PART FOR WHICH I WILL REBATE YOUR EXPENSES.

1. SEND NOTE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

2. HAVE B & W GLOSSY PRINT MADE. (ACTUAL SIZE) AND FORWARD.

3. TAKE ZEROX COPY AND MAIL, WE WILL USE ONLY FOR INFORMATION.

4. MEASURE IN MILLEMETERS THE OUTSIDE DEMENSIONS OF NOTE AND FORWARD.

SINCE OUR PLANNED DEADLINE IS IN FEBRUARY I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU NO LATER THAN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. I HAVE ENCLOSED A SASE FOR YOUR INITIAL RESPONSE. AT THIS STAGE WE EXPECT "SLIM PICKINS".

ALSO, IN THE EVENT YOU FORWARD NOTES TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED YOU MAY EXPECT MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSTANT AND EXTRAORDINARY CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY.

SINCERELY,

Jack

J.M. VORHIES

JMV/AF

ENC: 1 LIST

1 SASE

PHOTOGRAPH'S MISSING

6 KALAMAZOO BANK-ALBION—
24 WABASH & ERIE CANAL LAND OFFICE-ATTICA—
29 BANK OF AUBURN-AUBURN
34 BANK OF AURORA-AURORA
35 T & J.W. GAFF- "
59 BANK OF BLOOMINGTON -BLOOMINGTON
60 BLOOMINGTON BANK- "
93 EXCHANGE BANK OF RAYMOND & LAWRENCE-CAMBRIDEGE CITY
~~115 D.V. CAMPBELL-COATSVILLE~~ VERMES
125 COVINGTON BANK-COLUMBUS
126 THE INSURANCE CO.- "
127 B.F. JONES & CO. "
137 FAYETTE CO. BANK-CONNERSVILLE
138 DANIEL HAWKINS DRY GOODS STORE-CONNERSVILLE
155 WABASH & ERIE CANAL LAND OFFICE-COVINGTON—
195 CRESENT CITY BANK-EVANSVILLE
198 MINING & MANUFACTURING CO.-EVANSVILLE
210 CORN EXCHANGE BANK-FAIRFIELD
235 INDIANA FARMERS BANK-FRANKLIN
250 BANK OF GOSPORT-GOSPORT
271 C.D. SMITH-PAYABLE AT BELL GARRETSON & CO.-HUNTINGTON
328 JEFFERSONVILLE INSURANCE CO.-JEFFERSONVILLE
~~329 WOODRUFF & YARDEN-~~ " HENDERSON
357 MERCHANT SCRIP-PAYABLE AT COMMERICIAL BANK-LAFAYETTE
362 WABASH & ERIE CANAL LAND OFFICE "
383 INDIANA STOCK BANK -LAPORTE
396 LAURAL BANK-LAURAL
448 NORTHERN & EASTERN RAILROAD CO.-LOGANSPORT
515 JOHN S. SMITH-MILAN
535 AGRICULTURAL BANK-MOUNT STERLING
573 EXCHANGE OFFICE OF T.F. BEATTY-NEW ALBANY
576 MERCHANTS & MECHANICS BANKS-NEW ALBANY
578 NEW ALBANY INSURANCE CO. " "
579 SALEM RAILROAD CO. " "
639 BANK OF PAOLI -PAOLI
651 PERRYSVILLE CANAL LOCK CO. -PERRYSVILLE
656 MIAMI BANK-PERU
672 BANK OF THE STATE-BRANCH AT PLYMOUTH
~~691 BANKING HOUSE OF BURGER & PARKER -REMINGTON~~ VERMES
753 S. HAFER-SAINT OMER
~~826 CORPORATION OF VEVAY-VEVAY~~ VERMES PHOTO
840 WABASH INSURANCE CO.-VINCENNES
847 BANK OF ROCKVILLE-WABASH
853 BANK OF COMMERCE-WARSAW
867 MERCHANT SCRIP -WEST BADEN SPRINGS
872 FARMERS BANK OF WESTFIELD-WESTFIELD
887 JAMES NOORMAN & CO. BANK-WINCHESTER
~~909 W. WOODWORTH'S STORE-UNKNOWN~~ VERMES
525 BANK OF MONTICELLO & MONTICELLO

February 19, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric,

In answer to your inquiry of 2/17/76 may I say that there was such a bank. The following three pieces of information has been copied from the archives of the auditors office of the State of Indiana:

I Government Stock Bank -Lafayette
opened 1852, closed 1855
outstanding circulation as of 1/25/56 -300.00
Officers: W.A.Howard - Pres., R.C.Smith -V. P.
and cash.

II Statement G, Auditors report of 25 January 1857

Suspended Bank	Denom.	No. Notes Issued	On Hand No.	Total Issued, burned, & on hand	Printed No.
Government Stock Bank	5,5	9,177	823	10,000	10,000
Government Stock Bank	1,1,2,3	400	6600	7,000	7,000

III Statement I

Name of Bank	Denom.	Where Deposited	Name of Engraver
Government Stock Bank	1,1,2,3, 5,5	auditors office "	Danforth, Wright & Co. " " "

MAY BE ERROR?

Now, as to the authenticity of the $5.00 note, there is a difference of opinion, I'm using my opinion that this is a genuine note on two factors that seem plausible. First, I made a comparison of the signatures of the note I have* with the signatures of the specimens of the $1, and $2 notes, which were engraved incidentally by Danforth, Wright and Co. New York and Phila. established in 1853, whereas the $5.00 note was engraved by Danforth, Bald & Co. New York and Phila. established in 1851. To me the signatures in no way appeared to be forged, even down to ink color. The other factor is that the Free Banking Act of 1852 brought a flood of paper currency as it became effective in July 1852. Of over 100 banks to be authorized, only about 10% had the year 1852 engraved on their currency and the others were engraved 1853 and later. Of approximately ten banks to have their currency engraved and printed in 1852, four banks including the Government Stock Bank, were located in the town of Lafayette. Consequently, I feel there was a need in that locale which would account for Danforth, Bald & Co. not having an Auditors die for Indiana at that particular

* I have a similar note.

time, rather than a mistake being made. Or another conjecture would be that this particular plate was already engraved, except for location or it was legally altered to the Lafayette location. In any event, the auditors did on this note, I think is for the State of Vermont.

Several years ago, I had a $2.00 note from the Government Street Bank of Michigan, but I don't remember any of the details. I was delighted to see that you have the 2 plate note and this still fits my theory.

At the present time, I must confine myself to an opinion and not draw conclusions as I have not seen the Michigan note or for that matter the other notes alluded to in Dr. Skeens footnote. Also, I have not seen the Rowan article. My associate, Kendall Wolff feels this is a fraudulent note, unless it has the State auditors seal. As far as I've been able to ascertain, this is not a stipulation of the Free Bank Act of 1862. Your $5.00 note is only the third specimen that I have a record of. The other note reposes in the files of the Indiana State Library. My note, Plate A, came from the Dr. Skeen collection, which I now own in its entirety. I have Zenoxed copies of reproductions for your perusal. The quality of same leaves much to be desired. The remaining piece of information, one that I cannot remember the attributable source, is that O. Benedict of New York was a president.

Thank you as a much Eric for your information regarding the conversion with the Michigan note. In the text of the S.P.M.C. (INDIANA) book Wolff and I have compromised, he has deleted the altered computation in the description of the $5.00 note, but in the introduction refers to the wrong auditors' seal as suspect.

Also thanks again for the loan of the notes to be photographed. I expect the prints back by Monday and will forward your notes immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Jack

Jack W. Verhies

JWV/jv

P.8 I would like to keep your Zuzor copy for the $5.00 note, if it OK with you, to validate Plate B and Rarity 7 at the present time. If you need it please let me know!

my note "A"

Jack Vorhies

E. P. Newman

your note "B"

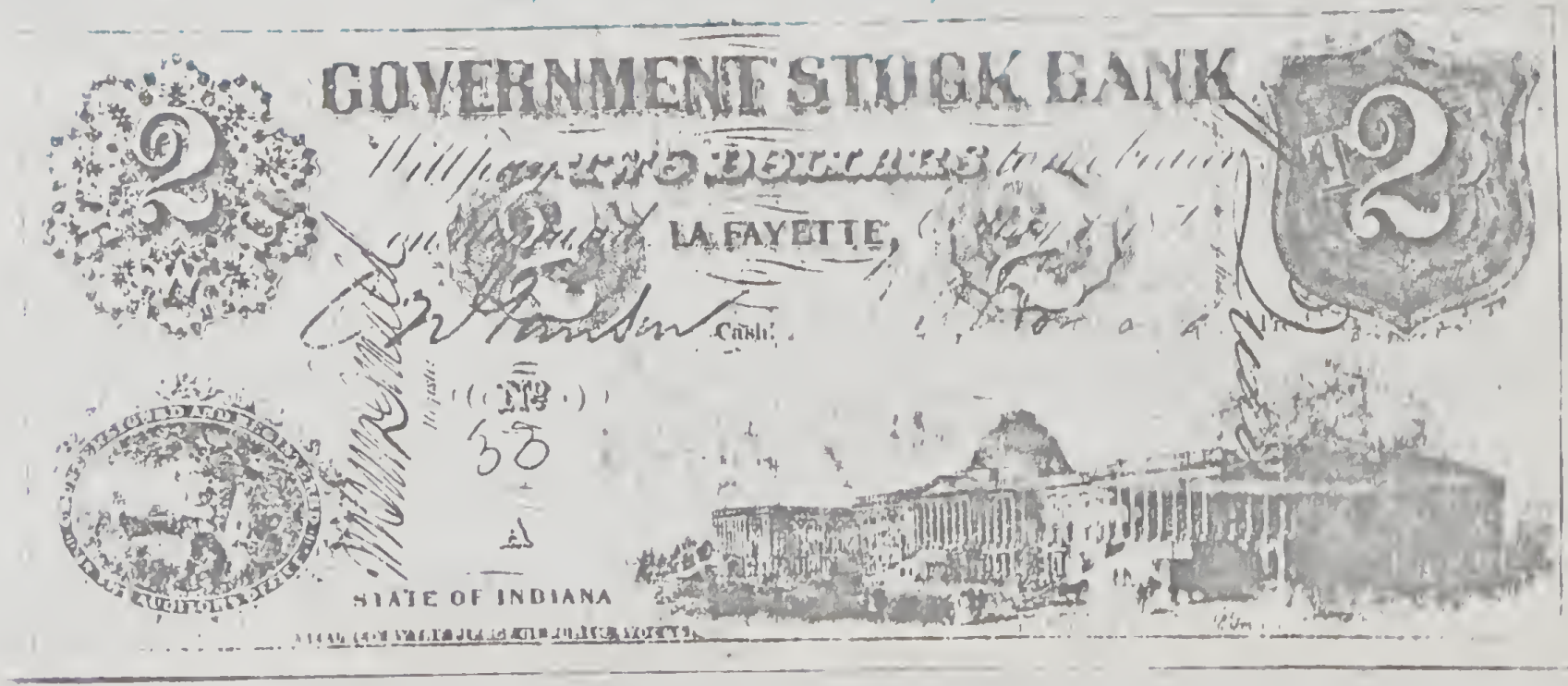
Indiana Historical Society note

State of Indiana
5
SECURED BY THE PLEDGE OF
PUBLIC STOCKS.
5
The
GOVERNMENT STOCK BANK
will pay
FIVE DOLLARS
to the bearer
on demand.
La Fayette.
Register
FIVE

The $1.00 and $2.00 notes are one of a kind

original 2 cuff was tank

All serial numbers correspond with auditors report



Indianapolis,Indiana 46227
130 E.Epler Ave.
February 23,1976

Mr.Eric P.Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St.Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric,

Enclosed please find the five Indiana obsolete notes you lent us for photographic purposes.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation and helpfulness. With sincerety,I want you to know it is a two way street with me as I want to make available to you anything I might have in my archives which you might need in your research endeavors or for other uses.

My files contain principally Indiana material,including over 750 different Indiana notes of which 150 are proofs. If you have need of any of my material,or information,I would be very happy to respond.

It was of great interest to me to receive your inquiry regarding the Government State Stock Bank $5.00 note and appreciate your comments and evaluation.

Sincerely,

J.M.Vorhies

JMV/af

March 2, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric,

Thank you for sending both copies of the Michigan and Indiana $5.00 Government Stock Bank. After receiving your copies, I noticed two other differences. In the Michigan note, notice under the vignette of Taylor that it is "GOVERNMENT STOCKS" and the engraving on the Indiana note is "Public Stocks", I agree that the two notes are from separate plates. The clincher, I think is the fact that two different styles and locations of the word "The" before the word "Government". If the plate were altered, it would not have been necessary to change this word.

If its convenient Eric, I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of your inventory of Indiana notes. With this list, I would be able to further refine the rarity 6 and 7 connotations which I place on Indiana notes. I have been keeping a ledger on this project for some time and enter and so register by number every applicable note or copy that comes to my attention. Particularly collections are valuable. In return, I will note by pencil the rating of each note and let you know the breakdown on R7. Also for registering you will know which R-7 notes I need a Zerox copies of for entry in the Rarity ledger.

Sincerely,

Jack

Jack M. Vorhies

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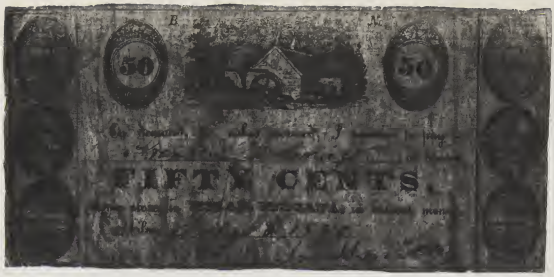
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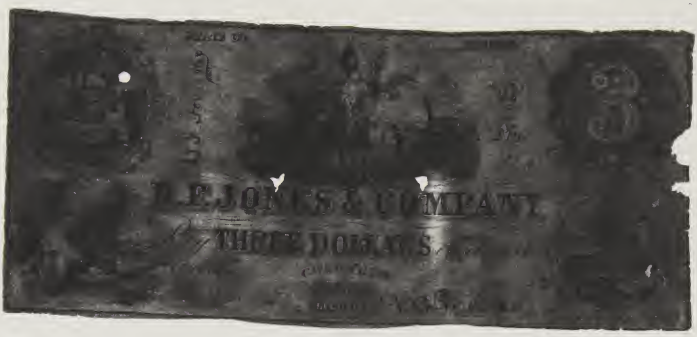
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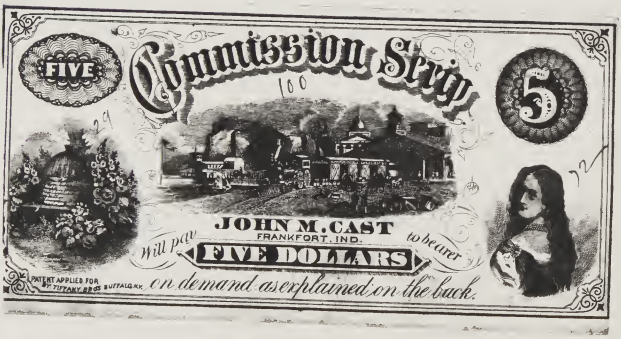
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On demand, for value received, I promise to pay to
Franklin, B. Parling or bearer,
FIFTY CENTS,
at my store, in MILAN, INDIANA, in current money.
Milan, July 8 1850.

STATE OF
INDIANA
B.F. Jones & Co
No.
1560
B.F. JONES & COMPANY
Pay THREE DOLLARS on demand
COLUMBUS
W. F. Pidgen

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On demand, for value received, I promise to pay to
Franklin D. Darling or bearer,
FIFTY CENTS,
at my store, in ETHAN, INDIANA, in current money.
Milan, July 8 1860
Jno Smith

STATE OF
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1560
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B.F. JONES & COMPANY
Pay THREE DOLLARS on demand
COLUMBUS
1854
W.F. Pidgen

JACK M. VORHIES, D.D.S., M.S.
ORTHODONTIST
399 NORTH MADISON AVENUE
GREENWOOD, INDIANA 46142
TELEPHONE (317) 887-1355

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

July 8, 1985

Dear Eric,

I haven't had time to check your questions regarding the Gear "detectors". I recently procurred a banking house edition dated 1865. Is this the first edition or was there one in 1864?

If you are interested, I would trade my two copies of the Gear and Heath original for the following obsoletes:

$3.00 B.F. Jones, Columbus, Ind.

$5.00 John M. Cast, Frankfort, Ind. Scrip

50¢ John Smith, Milan, Ind. Scrip

50¢ Campbell and Harter, Crawfordsville, Ind. Scrip

The two copies I have are the only ones I've seen!

Best Regards,

Jack

Jack M. Vorhies

JMV/js

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Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

July 29, 1985

Dear Eric,

I was mistaken about the 1865 Banking House ed.. I had not recieved the volume which I had purchased before I had written. Instead I find I have a copy entered 1866, but the cover is dated 1867.

This edition has the following plates or insertions.

1. Treasury Dept. letter 1866
2. Labon Heath Advertising Note
3. Eleven numbered plates
4. Twelfth numbered plate, a counterfeit full face and back $100 Nat. Currency
5. Cft. Unnumbered full face and back $20 N.C.
6. Cft. " " " " " $10 N.C.
7. Cft. " " " " " $10 Greenback
8. Cft. " " " " " $50 "

This is the most complete copy I have seen.

Best Regards,

Jack

Jack M. Vorhies

JMV/js

Entered, according to Act of Congress, in the year 1868, by
LABAN HEATH,
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of Massachusetts.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In presenting a second edition of the "Counterfeit Detector" to the public, I wish to add a few remarks enabling the reader more fully to understand its import. Having had unlimited experience in the detection of counterfeit and altered bank-notes, I felt the necessity of placing this knowledge within the reach of all; consequently, in June, 1864, I published the first edition of "Heath's Counterfeit Detector," which met with such favor from the public that it reached the enormous sale of twenty-five thousand copies, and would have far exceeded this number, had not the whole currency of the country been changed to what is commonly known as greenbacks and national bank-bills. This change gave apparent security for a time, and it was confidently believed that the counterfeiter's "occupation was gone." But this delusion was suddenly dispelled by the appearance in our midst of counterfeit greenbacks, so nicely executed that they were passed over the counters of our leading banks as genuine notes and in fact to a great extent over the entire country. This, together with the numerous and dangerous counterfeits of the new national currency, induced the author to apply to the Secretary of the United States Treasury for certain cuts and dies used on the greenbacks and other national bills. This all-important request led the department to thoroughly investigate the matter, inquiring into the practicability of granting it. The officers of the leading Bank Note Engraving Companies were consulted upon the subject, and

Jack M. Vorhies
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1 Aug 1985

Dear Jack:

I am relieved that your "1865" Heath turned out to be 1866. I was completely shocked by the possibility.

As to your lovely Heath Counting House size you have the first major variety. There are two types of printing (no pun intended) – one with Pratt Bros stereotype and one without any such designation on the verso of the title page. Which is yours?

Yours has the maximum number of plates of complete counterfeit Nationals and U.S. Notes. Some of the 1870 copyright date also have the same number. Some of the 1866-1867 have less. There are some different counterfeit plates used than the ones you have depending on the whim of the Secret Service. The use of these counterfeit plates was withdrawn before 1872, I believe.

There is no earlier edition of the Heath Counting House size. The text is the same as the pocket size second edition. The pocket first edition has many printings which differ slightly.

Page 8 in your Counting House item should be found blank. The 1867 on your item is the patent date which is another error.

You can see how much I am hung up on the variations.

I hope you had a nice vacation as I was told you were to be away. If it was work or a convention then cancel out my remarks.

As to your suggestion for a trade I rarely take what are probably unique pieces out of my collection, but I always assume pieces of that rarity often appear unexpectedly. For the present I will give you the Campbell & Harter and the John M. Cast for the Detector with the Heath paste ons. I know that for scrip notes of Missouri I am asked astronomical prices far beyond the detector's value for each one. I realize the detector you have is scarce, but I have located several in libraries already. If you find this fits in with your thinking please let me know.

My kindest personal regards and thanks.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 28, 1986

Jack M. Vorhies, D.D.S.
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Dear Jack:

Thank you for your letter on the proposed exchange.

I want to go along with your original proposition of the four Indiana notes I have which you need, and the two Gear bank note reporters you have which I need, but I think it would be nice if you made up for what I believe is a value difference by sending me a note or two from Indiana which you probably have in your duplicates and which I don't have.

The notes I am sending you are probably unique and, if they were bought from a dealer would be, in my opinion, far more expensive than the two reporters. I am sure you are aware of what the dealers ask for a note you do not have and, similarly, I have the same problem with Missouri.

Please send me the two Gear detectors and, if you feel I am right, a couple of Indiana notes which I don't have.

I am glad we finally are making this exchange.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ORTHODONTIST

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8/25/86

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63105

Dear Eric,

Thanks for sending the copies of Kennedy facsimile Counterfeit Dectector. Although I haven't seen a complete copy I do have two pages with 2 Indiana notes, and a $10.00 & $20.00 cut out. Enclosed please find my single page copies of these notes. The single pages are .004 thick and the cut outs are .002 thick. Please note on the page with the $2.00 State Bank of Ind. on your detector, below is the $10.00 Bk of State of N.C. where as on my copy is the $5.00 Merchants & Manufactures Bk. of Pittsburg. So there are variations of Kennedy Counterfeit Detectors, as well as Heaths.

You are getting close on a trade. I would accept your offer for the Gear Detector of the two scrip notes, Campbell & Hartar 50¢ and John Cast $5.00. In regard to the Heath Paste-on I would accept the Kennedy Counterfeit Detector and B.F. Jones $3.00, or without the Kennedy C.D. accept B.F. Jones $3.00 and John H. Smith Milan 50¢ scrip notes.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Vorhies

JMV/cm

INDIANAPOLIS
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The STATE BANK INDIANA
Will pay TEN DOLLARS at its Branch
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TWENTY
The STATE BANK INDIANA
Will pay TWENTY DOLLARS at its Branch
at Indianapolis
ON DEMAND to
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TWENTY

$5 State Bk of Ind Vorhees not in my copy
$20 State Bk of Ohio is elsewhere in my copy.
Different arrangements.

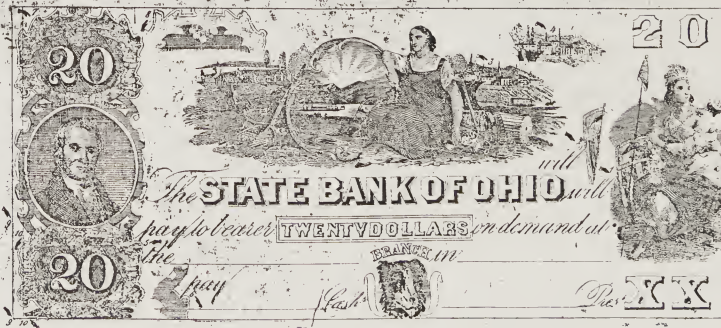
EXPLANATIONS.

5s, State Bank of Indiana.

Our first plate on this page is the fac simile of a very passable counterfeit on the above bank. Observe, at the end of the word *bearer*, the final *r* touches, (see at fig. 1,) the shield; in the good bill, (see at fig. 2,) it is a pin head off. The *h* in the word *Branch*, in the counterfeit, *touches* the arm that holds the shield; in the good bill, it is a little distance from it. The *r* in *cash'r*, (see at fig. 3,) *touches* the line round the medallion 5 between the officers' names; in the good bill, (see at fig. 4,) you can notice quite a space between. There is a long dash, (see at fig. 6,) right under the middle of the title line; in the counterfeit, (see at fig. 5,) it is omitted. Observe, also, at fig. 7, at the right hand upper corner of the note, the head of the female nearly touches the *inside* line around the medallion; in the genuine, (see at fig. 8,) the head scarcely touches the *outside* line. The shading lines in the skirt of the female's dress, at lower right hand corner, (see at fig. 9,) in the bad bill are quite different from (see at fig. 10,) the genuine.

20s, State Bank of Ohio.

Observe in the word *will*, at the end of the title of the bank, the two *ll's* in the bad note are the same length, and the top of the first *l* is nearly the sixteenth of an inch off the shield, as shown at figure 1; in the good bill the first *l* nearly touches the shield, it being made a little longer. The houses, &c. back of the female in the vignette, are too dark, [as shown at fig. 3,] in the counterfeit; whilst in the good, [as shown at fig. 4,] they are very light, and finely perspective. The tail of the letter *p* in *pay* is longer in the good note, [see at fig. 6,] and touches the medallion at a different place than it does [see at fig. 5,] on the bad bill. The top of the medallion, at left end of note, [see at fig. 7,] is quite different from the genuine, as exhibited at fig. 8: three points of the flower wreath touch the top marginal line, whilst in the good note *five* ALMOST touch. The bad bill [see at figs. 9 and 10,] is nearly a quarter of an inch longer than the genuine.



Jack Vorhees sheet has different arrangement than EPW pamphlet sheet

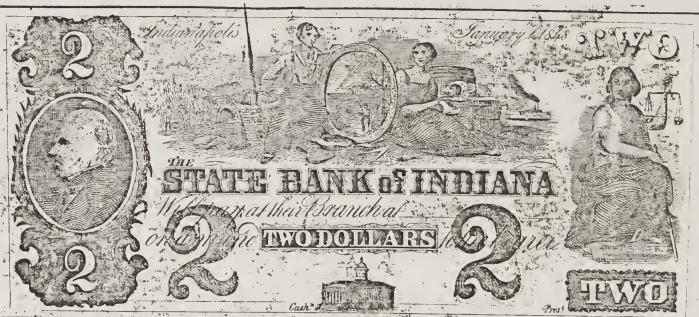
EXPLANATIONS.

2s, State Bank of Indiana.

The second plate represents a counterfeit Two Dollar bill on the State Bank of Indiana. The most palpable mark is the steeple of the State House at the bottom of the note, between the officers' names, points in the counterfeit nearly between the two letter L's in the word DOLLARS, in the genuine it points in a line with the back of the first L.

5s, Merchants and Manufacturers' Bank of Pittsburgh.

Observe the foot of the female in the vignette is quite close [see at figure 1] to the tops of the letters CT in the word Manufacturers, in title line: in genuine [see at figure 2,] you could put the head of a pin in the space. In the genuine bill the letter *t* in the word *to* touches [see at fig. 4] the right end of the parallelogram, upon which the denomination, "Five Dollars," is engraved; in the counterfeit [see at figure 3] there is a little space. The difference in the length of the note is too slight to mention. The eyes of Franklin and the other human figures, are mere dots.



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8/13/86

Jack H. Vorhies
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Dear Jack:

It was nice talking to you today and I am following up by writing. I wanted to be sure of your address.

I believe I have something which will be of interest to you and which fits into your specialty.

It is Kennedy's Inc. Simple Counterfeit Bank Note Detector (1855) It has 50 full size lithographs of counterfeit bank notes with the differences between them and the genuine described in text. I have never seen one before. The nice part is that it has 4 Indiana notes. The book is in nice shape with a minor mouse knawing on the rear of the spine. The defect doesn't spoil any of the text or illustrations. I am enclosing photocopies of the pages which will give you an idea what it is.

My suggestion is that I would trade this to you for the Bear Detector which you have with the Heath paste-on. Now if you want to go further I will trade you the Campbell+Harter 50¢ scrip and the John Cast $5 scrip for the other Bear you have.

I have been waiting a long time to try to find something like this which will please both of us hopefully. If you like the idea please send your piece or pieces and I will promptly send what I have. If you wish to see the Kennedy first that is OK. I believe you have photocopies of the scrip pieces already

My best wishes

Sincerely

Eric P Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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9/5/86

Jack Vorhies
399 N. Madison
Greenwood IN 46142

Dear Jack:

In accordance with our telephone understanding enclosed are the four Indiana notes which I hope you enjoy

Smith 50¢
Jones #3
East #5
Campbell & Hasler 50¢

I look forward to the two Year Of detectors & the choice of 2 of 4 Indiana notes

Have a great trip to China and don't try to pull the teeth of the dragon without a fire extinguisher.

My best

PS My secy is not here

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November 17, 1986

Mr. Jack M. Vorhies
399 North Madison Avenue
Greenwood, IN 46142

Dear Jack:

The time we spent together at the convention was so minimal, I feel disappointed. In any event, it was nice to meet you. I was so involved with trying to add to my Missouri collection, giving a program, and in shaking hands with all of my numismatic friends and acquaintenances that it took most of my time. Possibly the same happened to you.

In any event, I am returning herewith the $2 Bank of Jeffersonville and the $5 Bank of the State of Indiana. I do not have the $5 Bank of the State of Indiana and would like to acquire it, even though it is in poor shape, if you can suggest something.

There is one common Indiana item which I would like for my collection if you have a duplicate and that is the $2 Pioneer Association. I already have the $1 and $5 and I have quantities of alterations made from all three denominations. That is why I would like the $2 to use for the museum.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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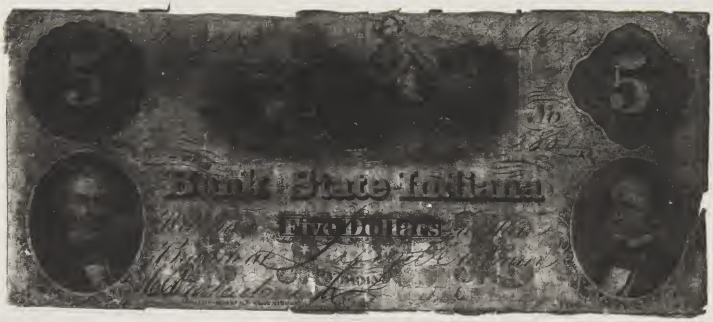
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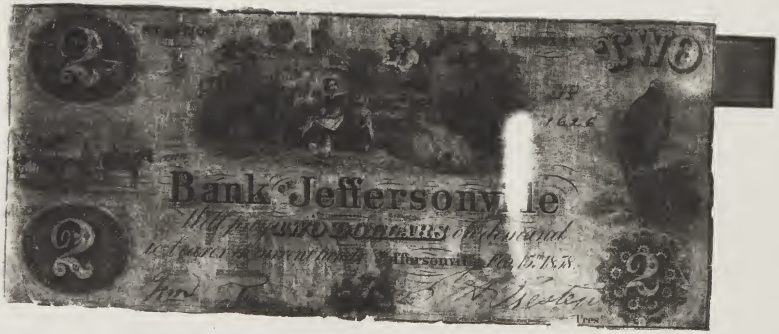
Five Dollars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